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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark B. Lyles

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Group Art Unit: 1627

Serial No.: 09/817,009

Filed: March 24, 2001

Examiner: Baker, Maurie Garcia

Title: High Throughput Screening Array
Containing Porous Material

Atty. Docket No.: 068986.0103

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

Dear Sir:

The one month shortened statutory period for reply is due October 30, 2002; therefore, this response is timely filed.

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, to pursue claims from within Group I for examination purposes. Applicant specifically reserves the right to prosecute any unexamined claims at a later date.

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Response to Office Action dated 9/30/2002